



Livestock Facility Siting

Existing Livestock Siting Permits

Many counties and towns have had livestock siting ordinances for several years and many livestock operators have locally-issued permits. This fact sheet explains how to handle existing permits.

We issued siting permits under an old ordinance. What happens to those?

The siting rule does not affect any conditional use or licensing permits that have already been issued. Livestock operators must continue to meet the terms of those existing permits. If a livestock operator wishes to expand beyond the level authorized in the permit, the operator must obtain a new local permit, and the new siting standards and rule would apply.

What if the operation expands, but not by 20%?

An operation may expand to the level authorized in its existing permit without having to receive a new one, whether the expansion is 5% or 100%. However, as soon as the operator wants to exceed the number of animals or animal units authorized in a previously issued local permit, that operator must apply for a new permit, regardless of size and size of expansion. At that point, the new siting standards and process will apply.

Some of the old permits have a lot more conditions attached to them than the new siting standards require. Can we remove the extra conditions?

Yes! Local governments have control over the conditional use and licensing permits issued in their communities. While we don't recommend it, if you would like to remove conditions from existing permits to make them consistent with the new siting requirements you may do so at any time, subject to local approval. You may not add new conditions until the permit expires or a new application is made.

We're still confused. What do we do?

Please contact the livestock siting program manager at 608-224-4613 to discuss your situation in more detail.